



THE LT. GEN. VICTOR “BRUTE” KRULAK DETACHMENT OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

10 November 2018 Detachment Business Meeting Minutes

Officers in Attendance: 7

1. Fernando Valentin (Commandant)
2. Carol Higgins (Sr. Vice Commandant)
3. Mike Jeffries (Jr. Vice Commandant)
4. Vernon Wood (Sgt-At-Arms)
5. Ed Smith Jr. (Judge Advocate/Jr. Past Comdt)
6. Jessica Findley (Adjutant/Interim Paymaster)
7. Harvey Jones (Asst. Chaplain)

Officers Absent: 1

1. John Simmons (Chaplain)

Members Present: 18

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| 1. Dan Topping | 7. Oather Larry Alred | 13. Clarence Guthrie |
| 2. Don Lehman | 8. Philip Rushton | 14. Ceasar Rodriguez |
| 3. Tweety Byrd | 9. James Alexander | 15. Jeremy Harris |
| 4. Jim Murphy | 10. Jason Alexander | 16. Al Wood |
| 5. Steve Weber | 11. Jack Nolen | 17. Kim Abbott |
| 6. Mac Hefner | 12. Patrick Hebdon | |

1. Commandant Valentin called the meeting to order at 10:00am.
2. Sgt-at-Arms Vernon Wood led the posting of the colors.
3. COMDT Valentin gave the invocation.
4. There were no guests present.
5. The October meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. Mike Jeffries made the motion and Don Lehman gave the second.
6. COMDT Valentin noted that he contacted the hotel used for the National Convention and alerted them to the oversight on their part not to charge for his stay. They thanked him, and he paid the outstanding balance, which was substantially reduced due to the hotel's error.
7. COMDT shared the detachment's combined account balance of \$8900.

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8. COMDT Valentin discussed plans for Veterans Day and asked for a show of hands as to who would be participating. In light of expected turnout, we took a vote about whether to participate. Clarence Guthrie made the motion to participate; Don Lehman gave the second. There was much discussion and the detachment voted to participate, rain or shine.
9. All participating should meet at the downtown Kelly Ingram VFW between 12:00pm and 12:30pm. There will be “Nickel Beer” and chili. From there, we will proceed to the staging area on the 5-ton truck. We are waiting for the lineup, but Commandant Valentin will send out additional info as it arrives.
10. Brute Ceasar Rodriguez received a car from Progressive Insurance at a special ceremony and luncheon on November 8th. Sgt-at-Arms Wood and COMDT Valentin served as color guard.
11. We are still planning to host an appreciation event for Hoover Tactical. JA Smith said Spire will come out with their grill and handle the cooking if we supply the food. The American Legion will be co-sponsoring the appreciation cook-out. Ed Smith is waiting to hear back from Hoover Tactical about best dates. We will then start making firm plans and determine cost and volunteer needs.
12. COMDT Valentin shared the current roster with the membership and noted the names of those who are delinquent. He asked everyone to make note of anyone they know and to contact them about renewing. If they are not renewing, they should submit a letter of resignation to COMDT Valentin. COMDT Valentin will send out the names, phone numbers and email addresses of those on the roster who are delinquent.
13. COMDT shared the Slate of Officers as was submitted by Mac Hefner, Chair of the Nominating Committee. The slate is included below:
 - a. Commandant: Carol Higgins
 - b. Sr. Vice: Clarence Guthrie
 - c. Jr. Vice: Ceasar Rodriguez
 - d. Judge Advocate: Vacant
 - e. Adjutant: Steve Weber
 - f. Paymaster: Fernando Valentin/Tom Krebs
 - g. Sgt At Arms: Vernon Wood
 - h. Social Media: Jeremy Harris
 - i. Webmaster: Jessica Findley
14. Clarence Guthrie addressed the detachment and acknowledged that, while he feels it was a privilege to be nominated, he feels the need to take his name out of the running for Sr. Vice, as he is new to Birmingham and the Marine Corps League.
15. Ed Smith Jr. said he would step up to Judge Advocate for another term if no one else agreed to take the job.
16. ADJ Findley will send out the respective officer job descriptions in a Brute Blast.
17. COMDT noted that our December detachment meeting will be dedicated to strategic planning and organizing our efforts for the year ahead.
18. The detachment carried out the formal cake cutting ceremony in celebration of the 243rd birthday of the Marine Corps. Jim Murphy participated as the oldest Marine present at 89, and Jeremy Harris participated as the youngest Marine present at 28.
19. The raffle brought in \$67 for the Brute Scholarship Fund.
20. Jim Alexander asked about plans for Shoot with the Brutes or other shooting events, and noting there were none planned, suggested the detachment organize a member shooting event in the 2nd quarter at Warrior Ranch in Brookwood near Tuscaloosa.

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21. Vernon moved that we organize the member shoot and Dan Topping gave the second. The membership voted to organize the event.
22. Vernon Wood suggested that the detachment purchase a shot gun to use for the monthly raffle prize at December's detachment meeting. Members agreed. Tickets will be \$25 each.
23. Harvey Jones closed us in prayer.
24. Sgt at Arms Wood led the detachment in the Marine Corps Hymn.
25. The meeting was closed at 11:30am.
26. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, December 8th, 2018.

Submitted by Jessica Findley, Adjutant